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GOULD'S DEFEATS BERLIN

In one of the fastest games seen here in years, Gould's boys quintet pulled out the season's biggest surprise victory last Friday evening, when they defeated the strong Berlin High aggregation by a score of 22 to 15, before a large crowd which packed the William Blinn Gymnasium to full capacity. There is no doubt that Gould's won the game by superior shooting, losing few opportunities to score. Berlin showed the same dazzling offense that has always characterized her team, but they were obliged to shoot hastily to avoid the local guards, and consequently most of their shots went wild. Gould's scored first, and during the first two quarters stung up a large lead on the Granite State, who were unable to "come back" in the final period.

The game was featured by the shooting of Berry and the fine defensive work of the local guards. Lee did most of the scoring for the visitors, dropping in six from the floor, and one from the foul line.

There seems to be some doubt in the minds of a few people as to whether we played the regular Berlin team, but anyone who cares to investigate will find that the visiting team's line-up was composed of men, all of whom had participated in at least two-thirds of the season's games on Berlin's schedule, and were the pick of the squad.

This week, Gould's will journey to Norway on Friday evening to get revenge on the team which defeated them earlier in the season. The summary of the Berlin game:

GOULD'S	G	FG	PTS
Philbrook, Jr.	1	1	3
Bartlett, Jr.	1	0	2
Berry, Jr.	6	3	15
Thomas, Jr.	1	0	2
Swan, Jr.	0	0	0
Totals	9	4	22
BERLIN	G	FG	PTS
Lee, Jr.	6	1	13
Canlin, Jr.	0	0	0
Turley, Jr.	1	0	2
Locke, Jr.	0	0	0
Snyder, Jr.	0	0	0
Martin, Jr.	0	0	0
Totals	7	1	15

Referee, Robertson. Time, 4 ten-minute periods.

BERLIN GIRLS VICTORIOUS

In the girls' game of the evening, Berlin had a slight edge on the locals in every department and won handily 15 to 10. Berlin kept a comfortable lead throughout the game and was never in danger of losing it. The feature of the game was the shooting of Miss McKelvey, Berlin's star forward, while Miss Keady was high scorer for Gould's.

GOULD'S	G	FG	PTS
McKelvey, Jr.	8	2	10
Hall, Jr.	4	0	8
Moore, Jr.	0	0	0
Wheeler, Jr.	0	0	0
Hinchey, Jr.	0	0	0
Totals	12	2	18
GOULD'S	G	FG	PTS
Keady, Jr.	5	0	10
Becker, Jr.	1	0	2
Reed, Jr.	0	0	0
Farris, Jr.	0	0	0
Kimball, Jr.	0	0	0
Smith, Jr.	0	0	0
Totals	6	0	12

Referee, Miss Litchfield. Time, 3 ten-minute periods.

O. E. S. INSTALLATION

The officers of Parity Chapter, O. E. S., No. 105, were installed last Wednesday evening by Dr. I. H. Wight, assisted by Miss Harriet Merrill. A short program was much enjoyed. A supper was served to members and their families before the installation. The following are the officers for the coming year:

- W. M.—Elizabeth Carey.
- W. P.—Ernest Blabbe.
- Assn. M.—Agnes Twaddle.
- Sec.—Pearl Tibbitts.
- Treas.—Alice Howe.
- Cond.—Alice Howe.
- Assn. Cond.—Harriet Hall.
- Exalt.—Doris Frost.
- Chaplain—Mary Ackenbach.
- Alt.—Alice Brooks.
- Alt.—Harriet Merrill.
- Alt.—Lena Chapman.
- Alt.—Angie Wight.
- Alt.—Ethel Coney.
- Alt.—Emily Parker.
- Alt.—Chloe Howe.
- Entertainment program:
- Flora Cole.
- Gerard Haines.
- Margaret Flinn.
- Katherine Hisek.
- Theresa Kames.
- William and Margaret Hall.

FARM BUREAU NEWS

The winter planning meetings of the local Farm Bureaus have just been completed, and every one of the twenty communities has laid out its program of work and elected its leaders for the present year. A total of 273 men and 220 women were in attendance at the meetings, and 106 men committee and 95 women committee members were elected.

A surprisingly large amount of work was planned at the meetings. In the men's division alone the total is 870, while in the women's division, which is a somewhat different basis, a correspondingly large amount of work was planned. By a piece of work in the men's division such as one variety of seed planted in comparison with another, a farm account, a demonstration meeting such as poultry calling, or any particular thing planned in the program of the local guards. Lee did most of the scoring for the visitors, dropping in six from the floor, and one from the foul line.

The potato seed plot project leads all others in point of numbers enrolled. 173 farmers requested certified seed for a total of 927 bushels of certified seed. At least 18,900 bushels of the best potatoes in the county should be raised from these seed, and those who know how seriously diseased are our ordinary potatoes will readily appreciate the great beneficial effect of the introduction of the new seed. A. J. Sanderson, county crop leader, will arrange for the securing of these seed potatoes for the whole county.

In the dairy project L. E. McIntire will look after the securing of 150 bushels of improved silage corn in the campaign work of ridding the county of varieties inferior to N. Y. Flint corn for our conditions. Many carloads of lime, nitrate of soda, and acid phosphate will come into the county this year as a result of recommendations made to farmers at the planning meetings, and this year is bound to see Farm Bureau work yielding surprisingly great financial returns to the county as a whole.

There will be a community service at William Bingham Gymnasium on Sunday evening, Feb. 18, at 7:30 o'clock. Speaker, Prof. E. C. Martinez of Woodford, Maine. All are cordially invited to attend this service.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF LOCAL FARM BUREAU NEXT WEDNESDAY

E. A. Barker, chairman of the local Farm Bureau and Farm Management leader of the county organization, has arranged for one of the most important meetings of farmers ever held in Bethel. Next Wednesday, Feb. 21, M. D. Jones, State Farm Management Extension agent, will come here to discuss the factors affecting farm profits. The meeting will be held in the Grange Hall beginning at 10:30.

For several years Mr. Jones has made a study of farm accounts kept by farmers in cooperation with the Extension Service. This extensive study has enabled him to find out the particular things which make profits and losses on the farm, and being a fearless and pleasing speaker he will be able to bring these matters out so clearly that it will be a real treat to hear him.

All farmers and others interested are cordially invited and urged to attend the meeting. The ladies of the Farm Bureau will hold a meeting the same day and will serve the dinner. A meeting of farm account and committee members will be held in the afternoon.

INTERESTING MEETING OF PARENT-TEACHERS

The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association was held Monday evening, Feb. 12 at the brick school house.

The program was in charge of the committee on entertainment, Mrs. Pearl Tibbitts, Mrs. Grace Philbrook and Mrs. Harriet Merrill.

Miss Margaret Herrick read a paper, "Animals, Bugs and People I have known about around the laboratory." It was both instructive and amusing, being made up chiefly of incidents of her work in the Out Patient Department of the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. I. H. Wight rendered a poem, accompanied by Mrs. Russell at the piano. Mrs. Nellis conducted the question box, the questions being based on the book, "The New Way of Child Training," by Ray C. Berry. The last question of the evening was left open for Katherine Hisek (further discussion, "How can we add to the membership and make our meetings more interesting?")

REV. JAMES H. LITTLE

Rev. J. H. Little for the past thirteen years beloved pastor of the Universalist church at Bethel passed into the higher life, Wednesday evening, Feb. 7th, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Little was born in Lowell, Mass., Dec. 11th, 1843. At the time of the Civil War he enlisted as Sergeant in the 33rd Massachusetts Regiment and served until he was mustered out of service. Soon after being mustered out of the service he entered St. Lawrence University from which he was graduated and entered upon his long and useful life in the service of his Master, being ordained in 1869. He was a splendid citizen and highly respected for his strong convictions, his earnest zeal and his faithfulness to his religion.

In 1868 he was married to Miss Georgia Harris of Canaan, N. H., who passed away after a short illness on Nov. 10, 1920.

Mr. Little was a man of strong convictions and high ideals and was held very highly by all who knew him. He has held many offices in the Universalist State Conventions.

He was much interested in fraternal orders. He was a member of Charity Lodge, F. and A. M., of East Jaffrey, N. H.; Knight Templar of Keene, N. H.; Royal Arch Chapter, of Amesbury, Mass.; O. E. S., of Canaan, Me.; Mt. Abram Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Bethel; Mollycckett Encampment of West Paris, Bethel Grange, K. of P. of Brunswick, and Wm. K. Kimball Post O. A. B. of Norway. He was the only living charter member of the Knights of Pythias of Brunswick, Me.

Mr. Little's long life, spent in spreading the Universalist faith, was divided among the following parishes: Foxboro, Mass.; West Concord, Vt.; East Jaffrey, N. H.; Brunswick, Me.; Skowhegan, Me.; Richmond, Me.; Pittsfield, Me.; Amesbury, Mass.; Winchester, N. H.; Canaan, Me.; South Paris, Me.; and Bethel. He was the oldest and best known Universalist minister in the State. The Universalist denomination has lost a valuable man in the passing of Mr. Little.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. S. Burbank, who has always lived with her parents and who with her husband have given her father their best care and devotion.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon from the Universalist church at Bethel, at 2 o'clock, Rev. W. C. Corliss of Bethel. The fraternal orders to which he belonged were in attendance, and the Masons performed their service. Mrs. Marshall Hastings rendered two beautiful vocal solos. The remains were taken to Keady, N. H., Monday, accompanied by Mrs. J. S. Burbank.

The following poem was contributed by one who has known and loved him for a quarter century or more:

I loved him, friends; and in the moon's place
Would I sit silent with my tears today.
But now his lips are still, and I must speak;
But what words can our thoughts of him portray?

A true and sincere man! With open mind,
And heart all crystal clear, he faced the light.
For though it pained him, still with steadfast gaze,
As on the sun, he dared look on the night.

No ear he stopped, although the voice divine
Bade him walk onward in an ordered way.
Such faith in God was his, he could not doubt
The star of truth must lead toward the day.

Stern was he in the battle for the right,
With foot that faltered not, though hard the path.
The foe of love for man that warmed his soul
Against all wrong could flame with virtuous wrath.

HON. STANLEY BIBBEE

The community of Rumford was saddened last week to hear of the death of Hon. Stanley Bibbee of Buckfield, who previous to his retirement from active life was a prominent business man of Rumford and of this section of the State.

Mr. Bibbee has been in poor health for many years past, but remained in Rumford until about two years ago, when he moved to Buckfield. Mr. Bibbee was born in Buckfield on April 25, 1867, and received his education at Hebron Academy and Coburn Classical Institute. His marriage to Miss Nellie B. Spaulding of Buckfield occurred in 1899. He was prominent in Masonic circles, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows and the Elks. He served as a member of the Maine State Legislature for two terms in 1909-1910, and again in 1911-1912.

Surviving are his wife, one son, Spaulding of Portland, and one daughter, Mrs. H. L. Kilburn of Rumford, one sister, Mrs. Everett Josselyn of Portland, and four grandchildren.

The funeral services were held from his late home on Thursday, Rev. H. L. Hanson of Charlestown, Mass., for a number of years pastor of the Rumford Baptist church, and Rev. P. P. Dresser of the Buckfield Baptist church officiating. Interment was made in the Buckfield cemetery, the member of Strathglass Commandery of Rumford acting as an escort to the grave.

MRS. GEORGE W. MASON

Mrs. George W. Mason died at her home at Northwest Bethel Sunday after a short illness. Further notice will be given next week.

NOTICE

The installation of officers of Naacomi Temple, Pythian Sisters, which was to have taken place Feb. 14, has been postponed indefinitely.

Yet from this home, as from a central sun,
His love for man o'er all the earth shines
No earnest cause appealed to him in vain,
That hoped to lead the old earth up and on.

A noble man lies here asleep today,
After long weeks of weariness and pain.
Death drew her restful curtains round his bed;
And though we call, he will not wake again.

Nor would we wish to wake him, if we might;
For he has seen the Unseen face to face,
His work on earth is finished. Who would dare
To call him down again from his high place?

And yet, O friends! It is such men as he
That make the earth seem empty when they leave.
That he was noble in our comfort now,
And yet 'tis for this very cause we grieve.

To you, whose broken home will seem
So vacant, now that he has gone away,
I felix would speak some word of hope
And cheer—
And yet what is it if any one can say!

To sleep his hand, to see his face once more.
At morn, you'll listen for his cheery voice.
At night, to hear his foot fall on the floor.
The sting of death remains when all is said;
For it is this—that those we hold so dear
No longer walk the ways of life with us.

When all is said and done, we come to this:
Though clouds be round us and tears dim our way,
We still trust that He who makes the night,
Will lead us through it to the coming day.

We'll bide his loving memory in our hearts;
We'll follow in the pathway that he trod;
We'll make each day another step upon
The stairway leading up to him and God.

BETHEL AND VICINITY

The Chandler family are all ill with the gripple.

Hon. H. H. Hastings is in Augusta this week.

Mr. F. J. Tyler has a radio installed in his home.

The family of Dr. W. B. Twaddle are ill at this writing.

Master Ernest Brown is ill at his home on Broad Street.

Copies of the Citizen of Feb. 8th are wanted at this office.

The Academy Herald will soon be ready for its customers.

Mrs. H. S. Jodrey has been suffering from an abscess on her face.

Friends of Mr. C. L. Davis will be glad to hear he is improving.

Miss Grace Farwell of West Bethel was in town one day last week.

Mr. Fred Clark was in Norway and South Paris on business, Saturday.

Mrs. Raymond Hutchinson and daughter returned to Portland the first of the week.

Mr. Virgil Wight was in town, recently, the guest of Dr. and Mrs. I. H. Wight.

A partridge has been seen several times near the residence of Judge A. E. Herrick.

The household goods of Mr. William Fuller were shipped to Massachusetts last week.

Mrs. Ervin Hutchinson of West Bethel was a guest of Mrs. J. L. Perry and family, Monday.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held its February meeting with Mrs. C. K. Fox.

Miss Margaret Hancock is spending some time with her parents, Prof. and Mrs. F. E. Hancock.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Cole of Locke's Mills were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Hutchinson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Park of South Paris were in town, Sunday, guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Park.

Miss Dorris Frost was the guest of her sister, Miss Marion Frost, in Portland a few days last week.

Mrs. G. L. Thurston has returned to her home after having assisted in the home of Mr. J. S. Burbank.

Mrs. Harriet Twaddle has returned home after visiting relatives in Auburn and Augusta for several weeks.

Mrs. Albert Bonney and son of Bethel, N. H., were guests of her mother, Mrs. H. S. Jodrey, last week.

Miss Alice Mason, who is stopping with her brother at South Paris, was a recent guest of friends in town.

Mrs. Almeta Brooks has returned to her home in Upton after spending several weeks with relatives in town.

Mr. Robert Hancock of Bowdoin College was a recent guest of his parents, Prof. and Mrs. F. E. Hancock.

Master O'Neil Robertson was a guest of his aunt, Mrs. W. W. Goodridge, at West Bethel for a few days last week.

Mr. Jack Carroll, who is employed by the Maine Shipbuilding Co. at Bath, was seriously injured Monday while loading logs from the yard to a sled. The truck chains broke and let the logs fall onto him. He was considerably bruised but is improving.

At the Congregational church Tuesday evening the men of the parish served a delicious fish chowder supper to about 125 people. The men also furnished the entertainment for the evening which was much enjoyed by all present.

Coming—Something, for which you have been looking. An evening of laughter and fun. The American Legion Post will give you four days of a Chautauque in one evening. When is this all to be held? Why next month. Keep your eye on the Oxford County Citizen for further details.

WINTER CARNIVAL POSTPONED

Owing to lack of time for completing the final preparations for the carnival, it was postponed from Feb. 10 to Feb. 17.

However, the energies of all the Y. M. C. A. members have been enlisted and they are bending their untiring efforts to bring to a successful conclusion the preparations for the carnival. As this is the initial attempt for a carnival a very great effort is being made by the committee to make it a shining success.

We were very sorry when we found it necessary to postpone this event, but we feel that those who attend it will be amply rewarded and that the extra time was used to good purpose for the successful staging of the carnival.

BETHEL MAN PASSES 93rd MILESTONE

Mr. Francis S. Chandler passed his 93rd birthday quietly but pleasantly at his home last Thursday. It was planned for all of his children to come home. Walter Chandler of South Paris came for the day and Mrs. Marion Dunning and three children from Bethel, Wash., who are spending the winter with her parents, were here, and the only regret was that the other daughter, Mrs. Fred Chandler of Auburn was unable to join the family gathering on account of illness. Mr. Chandler received cards and letters of congratulation from relatives and friends, fruit and confections and a birthday cake from the grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Chandler of Newport News, Va., (made by Mrs. Chandler), and a poem written especially for the occasion by his cousin, Miss Addie Gordon of Bethel.

W. R. C. INSTALLATION

Brown Relief Corps, No. 30, held regular meeting last Thursday evening, Feb. 8. After a short business session the doors were opened and a few invited guests were received. Installation of officers followed with Past President Bertha Keniston of Parker Corps, No. 99, of Lovell as installing officer. The officers are as follows:

President—Mrs. Arvilla Morgan.
S. V. Pres.—Mrs. Martha Kendall.
J. V. Pres.—Mrs. Lottie Inman.
Treasurer—Mrs. Alice Jordan.
Chaplain—Mrs. Nellie Davis.
Cond.—Mrs. Alice Littlehale.
Asst. Cond.—Mrs. Ruth Poole.
Guard—Mrs. Ava Austin.
Sec.—Mrs. Eva Hastings.

Asst. Guard—Miss Ida Packard.
Pat. Instructor—Mrs. Hester Sanborn.
Press. Cor.—Mrs. Grace Swan.
Musician—Miss Dorris Frost.

Color Bearer 1—Mrs. Emily Forbes.
Color Bearer 2—Miss Bessie Plafied.
Color Bearer 3—Mrs. Lena Brink.
Color Bearer 4—Mrs. Lilla Morgan.
Eva Hastings acted as installing guide, the work of both officers being done in a very able and efficient manner.

Past President, Emily Forbes, in a few well chosen words presented Mrs. Keniston with a bar pin. Nellie Davis in behalf of the Corps presented Past President Mrs. Forbes with a recognition pin. Both expressed their appreciation and thanks for these tokens.

The piano selection by Dorris Frost and vocal solo by Mrs. L. H. Wight were much enjoyed by all. Refreshments and a social hour followed.

MAN STRUCK AND KILLED ON G. T. R. TRACK

An unidentified man was struck and killed on the tracks of the Grand Trunk railway, Tuesday afternoon. It is supposed that he was killed somewhere between Bethel and Locke's Mills and the body was carried as far as the station at Locke's Mills before anything was known of the accident, the body being discovered by some of the workmen in the Tebbets spool mill. Nothing was found on his body to identify him. The remains were brought to Bethel by undertaker R. R. Greenleaf.

HOME RECORD

Freeland Clark, thirteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Clark of Bethel, has established a record which we think will be hard to beat. On January 18, 1923, he set two hens with thirteen eggs under each hen. At the end of three days one of the hens broke one egg. Last Thursday these two hens hatched and twenty-five good healthy chickens. Master Freeland had one hen sitting on a stove and the other one in a chair in the cellar of his home. He is a member of the Country Club. Who can beat this record!

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HONOR HERSHELL, THE POET

Buddies Join Author, Popular With Doughboys in World War, in Celebrating Birthday.

William Herschell of Indianapolis author of "Long Boy," "The Kid Has Gone to the Colors" and other poems popular with the doughboys in the World War, was honored by his Indianapolis American Legion buddies at a recent celebration of the poet's forty-ninth birthday at Greensburg, Ind.

Alvin Owsley, national commander of the Legion, who spoke at the celebration, said that Herschell was one of the few war writers who knew the heart of the fighter, and who spoke his language. The Hoosier poet's strength is in his knowledge of the thoughts and actions of the millions of plain, ordinary people who form the bulk of America's population, according to Mr. Owsley. The tribute to Indiana Legionnaires was voiced by Perry Faulkner, Indiana commander. Philip B. Stapp, editor of "The Hoosier Legionnaire" was in charge of arrangements for the banquet and acted as toastmaster.

"Why Do They Call Them Buddies?" was written by Herschell and was dedicated to the Legion at the banquet. The poem follows:

Why do they call them Buddies?
What other name as sweet
Has ever been war-hallowed
By rain and snow and dust?
What other name than Buddies
Would men like our men bear
When all hell belched its vapors
And death was everywhere?

Why do they call them Buddies?
Though not of common kin,
Old Glory called them brothers
When Freedom said: "Go in!"
They swept in mighty legions
To man land, sky and sea;
God, devil, dog and doughboy—
A fighting trinity!

Why do they call them Buddies?
Because they stand today,
Bull Buddies to the Buddy
Left shattered by the fray,
Though peace may grow unkindful
Of war's unsettled debt,
The Buddy to the Buddy
Stands fast—and can't forget!

That's why they call them Buddies!
The shrill shriek is gone,
But still, beneath Old Glory,
The Buddies carry on!
And so, tonight, heart-happy,
I breathe this fervent prayer:
God make the war all roses
For Buddy Legionnaires!

Herschell's Legion of friends know him as "Bill." He has been the leading feature writer of the Indianapolis News for years and his poems have had nationwide circulation.

TO HAVE BIG ATHLETIC MEET

Secretary Lindberg of Legion's National Commission at Work on Program for Next Convention.

On the road to complete recovery of his health shattered by the World War, Al C. Lindberg, secretary of the American Legion's national athletic commission, is on the job at Legion headquarters preparing for the largest exercise athletic meeting in history at the next national convention in San Francisco. Lindberg came back from France after spending months in hospitals and being from wounds caused when an airplane he was piloting crashed to the ground. This was not before he had participated in a number of air battles with German aviators.

Although Lindberg suffered continually from his war wounds, he did not remain long in American hospitals. When the Legion's athletic commission was formed to encourage the spread of clean, wholesome sports among ex-service men and the younger generation, Lindberg was called from his home in Chicago to assume the position of secretary of the commission. His work was primarily responsible for the success of the 1921-22 recent athletic meet at the New Orleans convention.

A few days ago Lindberg submitted to an operation in a Chicago hospital in which several ribs were found to suffer with strips of silver and it is now believed that he will recover his health.

Lindberg is remembered in the sports world for his athletic career at the University of Illinois, where he was a record man in the 100-yard dash and a member of the varsity football and basketball teams.

Legion Men Edit Newspapers. Editors of South Dakota newspapers took a holiday during one day of American Education Week, held December 2 to 4, inclusive, under the auspices of the American Legion. In each newspaper office members of the Legion wrote the editorials and news and did all the work of getting out the newspapers for that particular day. The work was supervised by the regular editorial staff of the various publications. The editing of newspapers is expected to be Douglas Menden, South Dakota Legionnaire, to aid materially in making known the Americanization program and plans of the Legion for the coming year.

THE SAFETY OF SAVINGS

The Safety of Savings has received much attention during the past few years and the Government plan of savings through the issue of War Savings Stamps during the war and of Treasury Savings Certificates during the past year has resulted in millions of dollars which have been loaned to the Government in small amounts. The savings of the people have thus been safeguarded and protected from the whims of the oil-tongued promoters of get-rich-quick enterprises.

In a statement issued by F. C. Ayres, Director, Savings Division, First Federal Reserve District, it is declared that the demand for Treasury Savings Certificates in exchange for the matured War Savings Stamps of the 1918 series has been very heavy. Mr. Ayres states that the postmasters of all classes have taken an unusual interest in helping their patrons to protect their savings and that they are responsible for the success which has been met in refunding the 1918 issue of War Savings Stamps.

It is estimated that in December the issues of Treasury Savings Certificates amounted to over \$1,500,000 divided among the states of the district as follows:

Maine,	305,000
Vermont,	185,000
New Hampshire,	234,000
Massachusetts,	495,000
Connecticut,	156,000
Rhode Island,	101,000

The incomplete returns received by Mr. Ayres for January indicate a total investment of more than \$2,000,000 in these securities. From records thus far received it is evident that people of New England have absorbed upwards of \$10,000,000 in Treasury Savings Certificates since they were first offered to the public on December 15, 1921.

MA AND THE AUTO

Before we take an auto ride Pa says to Ma: "My dear, Now just remember, I don't need suggestions from the rear. If you will just sit still back there and hold in check your fright, I'll take you where you want to go, and get you back all right. Remember that my hearing's good, and also I'm not blind, And I can drive this car without suggestions from behind."

Ma promises that she'll keep still, and off we gaily start; But soon she notices ahead a peddler and his cart.

"You'd better toot your horn," says she, "to let him know we're near; He might turn out!" and Pa replies: "Just shriek at him my dear." And then he adds, "Some day some guy will make a lot of dough By putting horns on totem poles for women-folks to blow!"

A little farther on Ma cries: "Ho signalled for a turn!" And Pa says "Did he?" in a tone that's hot enough to burn.

"Oh! there's a boy on roller skates!" cries Ma, "Now do go slow, I'm sure he doesn't see our car." And Pa says: "I dunno, I think I don't need glasses yet, but really it may be That I am blind and cannot see what's right in front of me."

If Pa should speed the car a bit, some sign to hurry past. Ma whispers: "It's so careful now, you're driving much too fast."

And at the time she's pointing out the dangers of the street And keeps him posted on the scale where trolley cars he'll meet, Last night, when we got home, Pa says to Ma, "My dear, I'm sure we all enjoyed the ride you gave us from the rear."

BARNETT CASUALTY INS. CO.	
161 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.	
Assets:	
Cash and Bonds,	\$149,000.00
Real Estate and Bank,	22,000.00
Invested in Stocks,	1,000.00
Invested in Bonds,	1,000.00
General Assets,	\$153,000.00
Unpaid claims not admitted,	200.00
Admitted Assets,	\$152,800.00
LIABILITIES DEC. 31, 1921:	
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$17,000.00
Unpaid Premiums,	1,000.00
All other Liabilities,	2,000.00
Cash Capital,	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	\$132,800.00
Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$152,800.00

Primitive Methods of Smuggling.

The ancient Mexicans reduced gold ore by dragging granite rocks over the quartz spread about in a circular grove.

Immensity of Mammoth Cave.

There are one hundred and fifty miles of avenues in Mammoth cave, Kentucky.

Old Structures in Nevada.

There are houses still standing in Nevada, that were built in 1800.

MAINE POTATO CROP ABOUT 64% SHIPPED TO FEB. 10

Several important forces influencing remaining shipments are unknown, but it may be useful to discuss the information now at hand. Estimates from the best informed sources, both in December and lately, have indicated a total of around 21,000 cars as likely to move from the 1922 crop. Of this total 13,700 cars (round figures) have moved to date, leaving probably somewhat over 7,000 cars yet to go. The shortage in the total New England crop of 1922 and especially the shortage in states here of large deficient production, has caused very free movement to continue free while prices remain high enough to cause active shipping, but low enough to keep out potatoes from the West.

In its weekly market review of Feb. 6, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics says:

"A recent estimate of the potato stocks on hand, Jan. 1, shows a larger quantity, larger percentage of the crop, and a larger proportion still in the hands of growers than in any of the 9 years preceding. Plainly the growers have had extreme difficulty in moving the record-breaking potato crop. The great surplus is in the west. Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, Colorado and Idaho have more potatoes on hand than in any recent season. Michigan, South Dakota and Nebraska also have unusually large reserves. On the other hand Maine has less than in any one of the 5 past years, while New York and Pennsylvania have only about an average quantity on hand. Thus the situation favors the eastern holders because of the light supplies within easy shipping distance and the low freight cost. Eastern markets have shown a much stronger tendency than western. Shipments in the Rocky Mountain section have been selling No. 1 sacked potatoes at 40 cents per hundred pounds, f.o.b., while the northern Great Lakes region quoted around 60c, and western New York and northern Maine 50c to 55c. Prices paid to growers were still less than this, ranging from 15c per bu. in the Rocky Mountain section to 3c in western New York."

Late reports from the certifying officials indicate the following approximate holdings, by growers, of Certified Seed Potatoes available for sale. Total holdings here 202,000 bushels. No comparative figures available. Holdings in bushels.

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REDUCED RATES ON RAILROADS FOR FARMERS' WEEK

Every railroad in Maine has volunteered to offer excursion rates to passengers who attend the Farmers' Week course of meetings, lectures, demonstrations, excursions and exhibits at the College of Agriculture, U. of M., March 10-13. The Maine Central, Eastern & Maine and Grand Trunk will sell tickets over all their lines in Maine at the rate of one fare and one-half for the round trip, and the Bangor & Aroostook at the rate of one fare and one-half for the round trip. These special rates will be effective to Bangor or Orono from March 10 to 13th inclusive, and from returning up to and including the 15th.

In former years it has been customary for those going in some remote section to pay regular fare to the nearest station point and there by round trip tickets at excursion rates. This year the Farmers' Week special rates will be available at every station in the state.

General Passenger Agent Harris of the Maine Central writes: "If there are any desiring to travel from local stations on the narrow gauge roads, they will be obliged to purchase from the conductor round trip tickets to either Farmington or Bridgton Junction, as the case may be, and at these points purchase reduced rate tickets to Bangor and return or Orono and return, as they may select."

The Farmers' Week program, which will shortly be issued, gives promise of a most interesting and diversified handling of agricultural topics.

SKILLINGSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Robinson spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will McRae.

Miss Clara Mason came home sick Thursday night with a bad cold. Mrs. Guy Willey has been confined to the home with a bad cold.

Mr. A. E. Southern has his ice harvest and is helping Mr. R. A. Barker harvest his.

John Anderson has his ice cut.

EAST BETHEL

Z. W. Bartlett is teaming from Hanover to Rumford.

Ray Thompson of Newry is working for Mrs. Carrie Bartlett.

A. L. Swan is working with his tractor at Hanover mill.

Wm. Hastings is hauling long lumber to G. A. Virgin's upper mill, Hanover. W. G. Holt is hauling hay for Dr. R. B. Tibbette.

Guy Bartlett is attending the February term of supreme court at South Paris as a member of the traverses jury.

Miss Edna Bartlett was a recent week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Bean and family.

Miss Laura Cummings has closed her teaching here and returned to her home in Bethel on account of illness.

Miss Edith Trask has returned home from Locke's Mills.

Miss Ruth Cole was a week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Hastings and family.

A paper has been in circulation for money to assist in the family of Evelyn Farrar, and a good amount received.

Members of Alder River Grange who enjoyed a sleighride and attended Oxford Pomona at Bryant's Pond were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bartlett, Mrs. C. M. Kimball, Russell Swan and Ceylon Kimball.

A whist party and dance was held at Grange Hall, Friday evening, with a good attendance. Ladies' first prize was won by Mrs. Evelyn Harrington. Gentlemen's first prize by Mr. Levander Mitchell. Lady's second prize by Mrs. Rose Bartlett, gentlemen's by Mr. Othello Reed.

G. F. Harrington of Rumford was a Sunday guest of relatives here.

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